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# East of Eden

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EoE being dedicated to the prompt publication of  
postal Diplomacy games otherwise carried in the sister 'zine,  
Black Frog. Diplomacy is a multi-player war game invented  
by Allan B. Calhamer and currently owned by Avalon Hill Co.

East of Eden is sent free of charge to everyone in  
the games who regularly subscribes to Black Frog. It is  
otherwise unavailable at any cost.  
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## I AM FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL



in my own  
sweet and  
gentle way.

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Last month was a rather rough one for me and next  
month may be even worse. My vacation, which was to have  
been the last two weeks of May got shot down and I am try-  
ing to reschedule it during June (but will probably end up  
taking part in June and part in July or August). This may  
effect game deadlines during the next couple of months. I  
will try to anticipate ahead as well as possible in order  
to keep all games prompt. In addition, I have come up with  
a problem of sorts that may require surgery before too  
much longer. This has had me more than a little out of  
sorts over the past few weeks. It is hard to anticipate  
just what effect it may have on publication schedules for  
East of Eden or Black Frog at the moment.  
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In another vein, I have been giving a lot of thought  
to my involvement in the postal Diplomacy hobby of late.  
It is possibly time that I start phasing back some of my  
activities. The hobby has been far from enjoyable to

of late and while I am a long way from quitting, I will be cutting back. This means no new game starts for me as a player. I will definitely finish out each and every game that I have started however. As for the games I am GMing in Black Frog/East of Eden, don't worry, I will see these to conclusion. There is a possibility that Black Frog will be phased out over the next six months and that East of Eden will be my only 'zine. East of Eden would be published at least twice a month but would be a bit on the warehousey side.  
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### I AM THE WALRUS!

No I am not the walrus, but "I am the walrus" is the answer to the puzzle that appeared in a recent fake of Sleepless Knights.

Billed as Sleepless Knights #2, the fake came at least three weeks after the actual SK #2. It was mailed from Canada and had a masthead taken from Eric Ozog's stationery. Not all that bad as fake 'zines go, the main question brought up by it is: Who is the walrus?

This same walrus is undoubtedly also responsible for two other recent fakes: Y'All #3 and Life of Monty. Bruce Linsey claimed responsibility for Y'All #3, but I doubt that. Don Del Grande has blamed Keith Sherwood for the fake LOM. At the moment, this would seem to be the best bet, alright Keith it's confession time, did you do all three of these?  
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### PARANOICS' MONTHLY

PM is the latest new 'zine that has turned up in my mail box. Issues #1 and #2 were both one page jobs, but the thing may have promise. Anybody who has two sentence houserules as follows:

"The 1976 edition of the rulebook will be used.  
Deception of the GM will be marveled at."

is certainly taking a good approach to the hobby and GMing. For a sample copy send a SASE to Jack Fleming, 5000 22nd NE #211, Seattle, WA 98105.  
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## **LYNCH'S LAW:**

*When the going gets tough,  
everybody leaves.*

courtesy of  
Joe Gallagher

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**Famine**

S' 05

FRANCE ON THE MOVE--ALL ORDERS SUCCEED!  
CAN ENGLAND HOLD OUT FOR ANOTHER YEAR?

AUST (Lew) A TRI-Bud; F GRE-Bul(sc).  
ENGL (Colombo) F NAT-Nwg; F DEN-Kie.  
FRAN (Albrecht) F Bre-MAO; F IRI(s) F Bre-Mao; A Yor-EDI;  
F LPL(h); F Eng-NTH; A Mar-PIE; A TYO(s)  
A Mar-Pie; F SPa(sc)-LYO.  
GERM (Kuszynski) A Liv-STP; A FIN(s) A Liv-Stp; F Nwy(s) A  
Liv-STp; A SIL-War; A WAR-Ukr; A Hol-KIE;  
F BAL(s) A Hol-Kie.  
ITAL (de Vries) F Lyo-Mar/nsu/; F NAP(h)/unorderd; F Tyr-  
WES; F Ion-TUN; A VEN-Pie.  
RUSS (Manuel) A MOS-Ukr; A Sev-RUM; A VIE(h); F Gob-  
SWE; F BAR-Nwn; A BUD(s) A Sev-Rum.  
TURK (Hart) F Con-AEG; F BUL(sc)(s) F Con-Aeg; A SER-  
Tri;

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Fall 1905 orders will be due on Wednesday July 8th at  
12:00 noon PDT. (Steve Colombo is having trouble with  
the Canadian mail--thus the deadlines will be extended a  
bit longer in this game for as long as Steve is in it.)  
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Press

WEST OF WISCONSIN to GERMANY: May the bourgeois pooch Brux  
leap onto your bosom and claw your heart out.

PARIS: A source very close to the French leadership has  
disclosed that the recent TUR/FRA conference was fruit-  
ful. The potential TUR/FRA alliance and its benefits  
are being seriously considered here and in Constant-  
inople.

MARSEILLES: The French know how to pick them. GALORE for  
QUEEN!!

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**V.I.P.**

F '03

FRANCE & ITALY TEAM UP FOR THE OL' STILETTO  
IN MUNICH !!!

AUST (Olsen) A Gal-VIE; A BUD(s) A Gal-Vie; A Ser-TRI;

A Rum-SER; F Aeg-ION.  
 ENGL (Sampson) F Lon retreat YOR: F Yor-EDI; A WAL-Lon; F NAT-Mao.  
 FRAN (Brown) A BUR(s) ITALIAN A Tyr-Mun; A Spa-MAR; F Col-SPA(sc); A BEL-Hol; F MID-Nat; F Eng-IRI.  
 GERM (Pilant) A LON(s) FRENCH F Eng-Iri/imp/; F NTH(s) A Lon; F HEL-Hol; A DEN(h); A BOH-Mun.  
 ITAL (Mainardi) A Tyr-MUN; A Pie-TYR; F Ion-ADR; F wes-TYR.  
 RUSS (Wells) A Sev-RUM; F Bla(s) A Sev-Rum/annihilated/; A MOS-Sev; A UKr-GAL; A WAR(s) A Ukr-Gal; F Swe-NWY.  
 TURK (Arnett) A BUL(s) AUSTRIAN A Rum/ordered to move/ F CON(s) F Ank-Bla; F Ank-BLA; A Arm-Sev.

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 1903 supply center chart

AUSTRIA: <sup>V</sup> Home, Ser, Gre .. (5) <sup>Q</sup> ..... even .. -2  
 ENGLAND: Edi, Lpl, Loh .. (2) <sup>V</sup> ..... remove ... 1  
 FRANCE: Home, Bel, Spa, Por <sup>2</sup> (4) ..... even \* 1  
 GERMANY: ~~Ber~~, Kie, Hol, Den, LON, <sup>V</sup> ~~Mun~~ (5) . even  
 ITALY: <sup>V</sup> Home, Tun, ~~Mun~~ <sup>2</sup> (5) ..... build -1 <sup>over</sup>  
 RUSSIA: Home, Swe, Nwy, ~~Rum~~ <sup>2</sup> (6) ... build -2\* <sup>down</sup>  
 TURKEY: Home, Bul .. (4) ..... even  
 \*Russia playing two short! <sup>3</sup>

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 Winter 1903 and Spring 1904 will be combined. Orders are due on Wednesday June 24th, 1981 at 12:00 noon PDT.

Vituperative V.I.P. press is on the insert.  
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F '05

ENGLAND IS FINALLY KNOCKED OUT. WHERE ARE ITALY & RUSSIA ??

ENGL (CD) A FIN (H).  
 FRAN (Carson) F NTH(s) GERMAN A Edi-Nwy; A LPL(h); F MAO(h); A BUR(h); A MAR(h); F Ion-EAS; F Tun-ION; F TYR(s) F Tun-Ion; F Wes-TUN.  
 GERM (Carter) F NWN(c) A Edi-Nwy; A SWE(s) A Edi-NWY; A Edi-NWY; A Ber-MUN; F BAL(s) A Pru-Liv; A Pru-LIV.  
 ITAL (Hanson) NMR! (Neutral moves by Apple Computer)  
 A TYR(s) A Tri; A TRI(s) A Tyr; A ROM(s) F

Nap; F NAP(s)A Rom; F APU(s)F Nap.  
 RUSS (Tilley) NMR! (Neutral moves by Apple Computer)  
 A Ukr retreat to Mos. A War(s)A Mos; A  
 MOS(s)A War; A BUD(s)A RUM; A Rum(s)A Bud/  
 dislodged retreat Galicia or OTB/A STP(s)  
 F Nwy; F Nwy(s)A Stp/dislodged retreat Ska,  
 Bar or OTB/.  
 TURK (Burnett) F Ion retreat Aeg. F Aeg-GRE; A SER-Bud;  
 A Bul-RUM; F BLA(s)A Bul-Rum; A Sev-UKR;  
 F Arm-SEV.

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 1905 supply center chart

ENGLAND: Out ..... 0 .  
 FRANCE: Home, Bel, Por, Spa, Lon, Lpl, Tun ..  
 ..... (9) .....even  
 GERMANY: Home, Den, Hol, Edi, NWY, SWE .....  
 ..... (8) ..... build .. 2  
 ITALY: Home, Vie, Tri (5) .....even  
 RUSS: Bud, Stp, Mos, War, ~~Stp~~, ~~Stp~~ (4) .. \*  
 TURKEY: Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, SEV (8) ...  
 ..... build .....2

\* Even or remove 1 or remove 2, depending upon  
 the retreats.

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 Winter 1905 only will be called on June 24th, 1981 at  
 12:00 noon PDT. Spring 1906 will follow two weeks later  
 on July 8th, 1981.  
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Press:

GERMANY: I don't believe it? Fall 05 and England just  
 might be out of this game. My congratulations to CD  
 for a well played defence.  
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## Death

S '05

IS KATHY BYRNE REALLY PLAYING THE ITALIAN  
 POSITION FOR BILL SCHTWAUTZ?

AUST (CD) A SER(h); A BUD(h)/annihilated!/  
 ENGL (Grabar) F Lpl-NAO; F ENG(s)F Edi-Nth; F Edi-NTH.  
 FRAN (Guaardo) NMR! (Neutral moves by Apple Computer)  
 F Mao-POR; F Nao-MAO; F BRE(s)F Nao-Mao;  
 A BEL(h).

ITAL (Schiwautz) A Spa-GAS; F Gol-SPA(sc); A MAR(s) A  
 Spa-Gas; A Tri-BUD; A VIE(s) A Tri-Bud;  
 A HOL-Bel; F AEG-Gre; A Ven-TRI; F Rom  
 -TYR; F Nap-ION.

GERM (Mercer) A Sil-MUN; A BER(s) A Sil-Mun; A DEN-Swe.  
 RUSS (Shufeldt) A GRE(s) A Rum-Ser; A RUM-Ser; F SEV-Bl  
A War-GAL; A Mos-WAR; F Swe-BAL; A NWY-  
Swe; F STP(nc)-Nwy.

TURK (Mooney) A CON-Rum; F BLA(c) A Con-Rum; A BUL-  
Con; F SMY-Aeg.

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Fall 1905 orders will be due on Wednesday June 24th  
 at 12:00 noon CST.

I hope Roberto Guajardo will be back with us. The  
 French position is entitled to one more season of orders  
 via the Apple comptuter. I understand that Roberto is  
 moving to Denver. I have no new address for him and I am  
 not sure exactly when he intends on moving.

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# Press:

1980ID players outdid themselves on press this time,  
 we have the following press release:

BERLIN to LONDON: I'm sorry if you can't take a little  
 rubbing, I'll be concentrating my insults elsewhere.

BERLIN to ROME: If you're convinced I can help in slowing  
 Russia, then why do you continue to snipe centers  
 away from me? Are you sure this was how Byrne did  
 it?

.....

**I WILL STOP  
 AT NOTHING  
 TO REACH MY  
 OBJECTIVE,**

**BUT ONLY BECAUSE  
 MY BRAKES  
 ARE DEFECTIVE.**



## THE TETRACUSPID STORY!!

I never really wanted, or expected, to get involved in any controversy in the pages of East of Eden, but my reporting of news items has seemed to generate a bit.

In Issue #5 (April 8th) I stated that Tetracuspид (a 'zine published by Richard Kovalcik, Jr.) was running late and may be in trouble. I stated that I saw these as real danger signs for the 'zine. I did not report the death of the 'zine. This engendered this letter from Kovalcik, however:

"Dear Jack,

re: Tetracuspид Folding, Hobby Ethics

I am somewhat shocked and distressed to hear (second hand) that you reported the death of Tetracuspид in East of Eden #5. This is not true. By now, you should have received the Tetracuspид #54, dated May 11th 1981.

I don't know what prompted you to print that incorrect information about the Tetracuspид. It strikes me as poor journalism. I would appreciate it if you were more careful in the future.

Furthermore when you print something about someone in a zine, hobby ethics dictate that you send him a copy of that issue.

In closing, I would like to say that .... ((Well the rest is really not pertinent to the matter at hand--jhm))

Yours truly,

Richard Kovalcik, Jr  
Editor, The Tetracuspид

Well Richard, as I stated in the introductory paragraph, I did not say that Tetracuspид had folded but said that it was in trouble. Lets look at the record:

December 8th, 1980--Tetracuspид #53 was due.

February 9th, 1981--Tetracuspид #53 was dated and mailed out --two months and a day late. There was a brief explanation for the delay and the statement that it would never happen again.

March 9th, 1981--Tetracuspид #54 due.



April 8th, 1981--Tetracuspid #54 now a month late. Announcement in East of Eden that Tetracuspid had been running late and may be in trouble.

May 18th, 1981--Tetracuspid #54 arrives, over 70 days late. No explanation.

Hopefully Kovalcik has his problems solved and Tetracuspid will once again become punctial. I hope so. But in the meantime I cannot recommend it as a 'zine for anybody to start a game in. Prior to December 1980, Tetracuspid had been rather punctial for about 15 months--but before that it had been plagued by sporadic publication.

In the 1980 Leeder Poll of Zines and Gamemasters Tetracuspid ranked 45 out of 52 'zines with a score of 4.33. And 24 people voted, so you can't chalk it up to a couple of grudge votes. Although a bit monotonous and drab in content, Tetracuspid has always been a cleanly printed piece of work that I didn't think deserved a mark that low. The low mark probably coming from reservations about the lapses in publication.

As for Gamemasters, Kovalcik was in dead last (50th) place last year with a mark of 2.83. Six people voted. I was one of the six and, as Richard already knows, I gave him a 3--higher than the average of the other five. My vote to Kovalcik was lower than any other GM that I voted on and was a result of the very poor judgement he used in handling 79KR--allowing two seasons to be replayed, without the approval of all players, in order for one player to make up for an NMR.

As for the 1981 poll. To set the record straight I have voted Tetracuspid a 5. I will not be voting for Kovalcik as a Gamemaster.

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#### PASSCHENDAELE FOLDING?

Word, from Steve Colombo is that Passchendaele is folding. This is one that I never received. If the word turns out not to be true--don't blame me! Canadian zines have had a hard time of it this year. This will leave only Runestone, Fol Si Fie, Snafu and Sleepless Knights coming out of Canada. The last two of these are brand new, but Sleepless Knights is going to be a real good one.

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